

The Widening Republican Credibility Gap

| <i>What They Say</i> | <i>What They Do</i> |
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| They strengthen Head Start | The bill dismantles it |
| The block grant is good for kids | Try to buy votes by promising Members their states would be excluded |
| They improve quality | They cut money for quality by one-third |
| They improve teacher quality | They give less than a \$10 a year raise to teachers who make half of what kindergarten teachers make |
| The bill will close the achievement gap | They give away the program to states even though no program has been shown to do as much as Head Start |
| They increase educational standards | They allow increased class size, shorter programs, unproven curricula |
| Comprehensive services are important | Require none of the Head Start performance standards that are proven to increase school readiness |
| States would have to increase their spending | States could supplant existing funds |
| Room under the tent for everyone | Allow teachers to be fired based on religion |
| Leave no child behind | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Excludes hundreds of thousands of eligible preschoolers - Excludes 130,000 children of migrant and seasonal workers |